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REFER TO FILE: **PM-3**

April 18, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PETER F. SCHABARUM REGIONAL COUNTY PARK  
ROADWAY AND LIGHTING REFURBISHMENT  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION – APPROVE PROJECT BUDGET  
SPECS. 05-0140; C.P. 77391  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4  
3 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND  
THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find the project categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Sections 15301 (l)(4), 15302 (c), 15303 (d) and (e), and 15304 (a) and (b), and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines Classes 1(h)(4), 2(e), 3(a) and (b), and 4(a) and (c), adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.
2. Approve the project total budget of \$2,300,000, and authorize the Director of Public Works to carry out the project.
3. Approve the enclosed Youth Employment Plan (Enclosure B).

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The proposed project consists of roadway/parking lot resurfacing/reconstruction, re-striping, improvements to the summer concert staging area, installation of new lighting along the pathway from the park entrance to Restroom 3, decomposed granite pathway, removal of 24 trees, and planting 24 trees at various locations to accommodate construction. We plan to complete the repair, refurbishment, and replacement of existing facilities through Board-approved Job Order Contracts. The lighting work and other construction activity will be accomplished through delegated authority Contracts. Light standards may be purchased through existing County Agreement vendors.

Due to the nature of the project, employing at-risk youth workers is not feasible.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These actions meet the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence by improving services at a highly used facility, Fiscal Responsibility by investing in public infrastructure, and Children and Families' Well-Being by providing facilities that will enhance activities that promote good health, safety, and social and emotional well being.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Construction cost is estimated at \$1,558,095. The total project cost, including plans and specifications, plan review, construction, consultant services, and County services, is estimated at \$2,300,000. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Enclosure A.

The proposed project is currently funded from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (\$51,436); prior year Fourth District Capital Project net County cost (\$429,342); and State Proposition 40 Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Program (\$1,819,222), which is contingent upon approval of a sub-Grant Agreement by the State. Sufficient appropriation is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Capital Project Budget under C.P. 77391.

### **Operational Financing**

Based on current project scope, Parks and Recreation does not anticipate any one-time, start-up costs to operate and maintain the facility improvements. Parks and Recreation anticipates an increase in the ongoing operating costs estimated at \$5,900

for supplies and utilities required to maintain and operate the roadway and lighting improvements.

Parks and Recreation will work with the Chief Administrative Office to determine the appropriate level of operations and available funding. Based on the project schedule, the operating costs will be incurred beginning in Fiscal Year 2006-07.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In July 2003, the County received a State grant program for the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water/Clean Air, Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (State Proposition 40–Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Block Grant Program) for \$19,705,276. Thereafter, individual grant proposals under this program need to be executed by the State.

Under the provisions of the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation of the County of Los Angeles is \$15,739,750. The County has met its Youth Employment Goal; however, Parks and Recreation continues to actively pursue employment opportunities for at-risk youth on all construction projects. Although the plans and specifications encourage the contractor to employ at-risk youth on this project, the enclosed Youth Employment Plan (Enclosure B) indicates that employing youth is not feasible due to the nature of the project.

A standard Contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the contract.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the Contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of contract award, bidders will be required to attest their willingness to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunity for Work participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require

each subcontractor to notify its employees, about Board Policy 5.135 (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

Bidders will also be required to show full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

To ensure that the Contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt under the CEQA in accordance with Sections 15301 (l)(4), 15302 (c), 15303 (d) and (e), and 15304 (a) and (b), and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines Classes 1(h)(4), 2(e), 3(a) and (b), and 4(a) and (c), adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project provides for minor alteration, repair, and demolition of existing facilities, replacement and reconstruction of existing facilities, construction, and grading and landscaping.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A Board-approved Job Order Contract will be used for this project.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on Public Works Contracts.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity will be listed on the "Doing Business with Us" website.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the County Code Chapter 2.201 (Living Wage Program) does not apply to this construction contract as this contract is for non-Proposition A services.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' Capital Projects= CBE Outreach Program and by monitoring the good faith efforts of bidders to utilize CBEs.

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Wheeler & Gray, Inc., an architectural firm, is providing design and construction administrative services on the project through the Parks and Recreation As-Needed Design Agreement 10213, previously approved by your Board on December 12, 2002.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

There will be no negative impact on current County services during the performance of the recommended services. The park is currently operational; therefore, construction activities will be phased to limit construction impacts to community park use.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the CAO (Capital Project Division), Parks and Recreation, and Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

DAVID E. JANSSEN  
Chief Administrative Officer

RUSS GUINEY  
Director of Parks and Recreation

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County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

**ENCLOSURE A**

**PETER F. SCHABARUM REGIONAL COUNTY PARK  
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**I. PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Scheduled Completion Date</b>
Project Needs Assessment	N/A
Project Feasibility	N/A
Project Program	02/2005*
Design	N/A
Contract Execution	01/2006*
Construction Document Submittal	01/2006*
Jurisdictional Approval	
Construction Bid and Award	04/19/06
Construction	
Substantial Completion	08/18/06
Acceptance	10/19/06
Post Construction (if applicable)	N/A

\* Indicates completed activity

## II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Proposed Project Budget
Land Acquisition	
Construction	\$1,558,095
(a) Construction	<u>155,810</u>
(b) Change Orders	
Subtotal	\$1,713,905
Equipment	\$ 30,000
Plans and Specifications	\$ 201,364
Consultant Services	0
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 16,000
Jurisdictional Reviews and Plan Check	\$ 4,500
County Services	\$ 334,231
Civic Art Allocation	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,300,000</b>

**ENCLOSURE B**

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**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN**

**Background:**

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**Tasks that may be performed by At-Risk Youth:**

Due to the nature of the project, employing at-risk youth workers is not feasible.

**Estimated Cost of Youth Employment:**

N/A

**Method of Youth Employment:**

N/A

**Youth Employment Goal:**

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation of the County of Los Angeles is \$15,739,750 (equal to 50 percent of the total maintenance and servicing funding from Proposition A of 1992 and 1996). The County of Los Angeles has met its Youth Employment Goal; however, Parks and Recreation continues to actively pursue employment opportunities for youth on all construction projects. At-risk youth employment accomplished to date is as follows:

	<b><u>Accomplished</u></b>
Project Support	\$ 849,717
Maintenance	\$ 269,680
Other New Youth Employment (various parks and County programs)	<u>\$23,250,485</u>
<b>Total At-Risk Youth Employment</b>	<b>\$24,381,153</b>